



Indiana Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana School Superintendents
Indiana School Principals

FROM: Caterina Cregor Blitzer, Director of International Education

DATE: February 29, 2008

SUBJECT: Teacher Exchange Opportunities

We appreciate your cooperation in distributing information to interested teacher candidates about programs offered by the Indiana Department of Education in collaboration with the Ministry of Education in Taiwan, Republic of China. This collaboration includes:

- promotion of educational and academic exchanges between individuals, organizations and educational institutions in Taiwan and the State of Indiana
- coordination of school-to-school partnerships
- promotion of study opportunities in Taiwan and the State of Indiana
- promotion of assistance, information and services to those seeking educational opportunities and scholarships.

We welcome applications from both experienced and beginning teachers who are interested in travel and work abroad. For more information on the program and the application requirements, please visit www.doe.state.in.us/internationaleducation/Taiwan/teaching-in-taiwan.html. Note that the **application deadline is March 28 deadline.**

Indiana was the first state to send American teachers to Taiwan as visiting professional educators and has a reputation of providing a pool of high quality candidates. The experiences for our Indiana teachers and their Taiwanese host communities have been very positive. Returning teachers value this transformational international experience and the benefits it brings to their teaching in Indiana as they help our students prepare for the global society they will inhabit and create. Participating teachers will teach English and work with the Taiwanese educators to develop curriculum, prepare lesson plans and teaching materials. The exchange helps children in both countries gain a greater knowledge of different cultures, history, language, interests and lifestyles.

We hope many of Indiana's finest educators will participate in strengthening this important and beneficial relationship between school communities in Indiana and Taiwan.